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that we have steadily, and with living faith and indomitable loyalty, pursued the line of patriotism, defending our faith with fearless argument and our loyalty with dauntless deeds while assailed by persecuting foes and distrusted and abused by those who should be our friends.

calling your attention to a subject which has drawn largely upon my sympathies and sense of gratitude and duty. Many of our noblest sons have fallen in our effort with rebellion. Many have left widows and orphans in destitute condition. Winter is upon us, and the poor must suffer unless timely provision be made for them. The poor men of our country have made the first and greatest sacrifices in defense of our bright gift of free government. Those districts least blessed with worldly goods, have opened up the richest mines of devoted patriotism. The poor

man has given his all—his life—for our security. Shall his widow and orphan children suffer? Our gratitude and duty forbid it. Can you let it, in your wisdom, devise a plan which with a bounty of fifty dollars can be paid to the widow of every needy widow and orphan of our deceased soldiers? It has occurred to me, and I suggest it for your consideration, that a capitation tax of ten cents to twenty cents levied upon each male, over eighteen years of age in the State—excepting the soldier in the United States—should soldier at home—would constitute an ample fund for relief of these destitute and needy widows and orphans of our gallant dead, and meet the other de-

of gratitude and duty. This fund should be entitled "bounty fund of the soldier's widow and orphan." To meet the present demand for relief, you could appropriate, out of your abundant treasury, to be reimbursed from the fund so raised in the revenues of the coming year. The small annual sum of \$100,000

can oppress one, and will not oppress another, the brethren of all great nations, and for the partial payment of our immense debt of gratitude to the generous donor of this fund for this purpose, and for the maintenance of peace and justice, and patriotic co-operation and judgment, we most earnestly recommend that some efficient plan be adopted for the purpose.

By assuring, gentlemen, that we never so may stop to promote the peace, secure the harmony, increase the security, advance the prosperity, protect the rights, guard the liberties, and preserve the peace of our country, and to constitute guarantees of liberty, will meet with my hearty approval and co-operation.


It is a plan proposed by the first President beyond the horizon of our country, and should, in this day of affliction and calamity, be remembered that the hand that smites is, but to bless, and that our Hamilton is, but to save, and that our country is, but to a higher and nobler career in the march of nations.

In the dark-hour of our struggle is it not our duty to have our country faithful to the cause, and to the cause of the people, that we note the fall of the empire?

and numbers the hairs of our heads, will guide us safely through our tribulations and not permit us to perish as a nation. Our mission is not ended, our race not yet completed. We have centuries of greatness and ages of grand progress as a government lying before us. Our unity, nationality, and liberty, being the constituent inheritance of our people, will be contemporaneous with coming years, to bless the race of men.

To Him who holds, at His will, the destinies of our Government and people—to build or to destroy—I commend you; and to your wisdom and patriotic counsels commit the interests of our Commonwealth.

THO. E. BRAMLETTE.

 We publish the law showing how the families of soldiers who are prisoners of war can draw their pay. Those interested should preserve this, in order to know how to proceed.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S
OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, October 23, 1861.

General Orders, No. 90.

The following plan for paying to the families of officers and soldiers in the service of the United States, who are, or may become prisoners of war, sums due them by the government, having been approved by the President:

Payment will be made to persons presenting a written authority from a prisoner to draw his pay; or, without such authority, to his wife, the guardian of his minor children or his widowed mother, in the order named. Application for such pay must be made to the senior paymaster of the district in which the regiment of the prisoner is serving, and


must be accompanied by the certificate of the Judge of a Court of the United States, or District Attorney of the United States, or some other party under the seal of a Court of Record of the State in which the applicant is a resident, setting forth that the said applicant is the wife of the prisoner, the guardian of his children, or his widowed mother and occupying either of the last two relationships towards him, that there is no one in existence who is more nearly related, according

Payments will be made to parties thus authorized and identified, on their receipts made out in the manner that would be required of the prisoner himself, at least one man's pay being in all cases rendered by the United States. The officer making the payment will see that it is entered on the last previous muster roll for the payment of the prisoner's company, or will report it, if those rolls are

not in his possession, to the senior paymaster of the district, who will either attend to the entry or give notice of the payment to the Paymaster General, if the rolls have been forwarded to his office.


By order:

L. THOMAS, Adjutant General.

 A rebel prisoner, Wm. McClellan, of the Fifty-eighth Alabama, was shot and killed at the second day's battle, November 23, 1864.

at the convalescent barracks, Nashville, Tenn. on Friday, by a guard. The prisoner was at one of the windows of the fourth story, and kept calling out to passers by. The guard ordered him repeatedly to desist, and to leave the window. Failing to obey, the guard at length shot him, the ball entering near his mouth and coming out at the back of his head. If this soldier is not convicted of this

head. If his soldier is not court-martialed and punished for us make no more complaints of Federal prisoners being shot when showing their heads at the windows of Libby Prison.

 A Chattanooga correspondent, who talked with the rebel pickets, says they expressed themselves heartily tired of the war.

and cherished the (vain) belief it would end this winter. When asked whether they would not rather be back in the old Union again, one of them—the principal spokesman—replied: "The old Government was good enough for me." There was no dissenting voice to this candid confession.

At the time of the Sunbyside disaster on the Mississippi, a mother and daughter were in the river together. A gentleman was asked by the mother to save her child. He replied, "I will try to save one of you, which?" The mother answered, "Save my daughter." At the risk of his own life he plunged into the river and rescued the child; the mother was

The guerrillas are very troublesome in the neighborhood of Paducah, and it is hardly safe for a Union man to go outside the picket lines. The town is filled with refugees who have been driven in from the farms, ten, fifteen or twenty miles around. Some effort should be made to drive the guer-

Menagerie animals are expensive pets. A full-grown lion eats from fifteen to eighteen pounds of meat per day. An elephant's ration is three hundred pounds of hay and two bushels of oats per day when he is traveling; when standing still he gets no oats, but an additional hundred weight of hay. Two horses

The motion for a new trial in the case of the Noble county conspirators, convicted at Cincinnati, was overruled, and they were sentenced—McFarren and Coyle to pay each a fine of \$500 and costs, and Racy to pay fine, of \$1,000, and stand committed until the

We learn that several of the Fort Kentucky were killed in the skirmish in Morgan county, in which Thad. Jack was drowned, but their names have not been furnished to us. Captain Bierbower's men were in the fight.

